

## **CHAPTER 10**

### **SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES**

#### ARTICLE 10.1

##### ***General Principles***

The Parties recognise the importance of the provisions of this Chapter as well as other provisions in this Agreement that seek to enhance the ability of small and medium-sized enterprises, including micro-sized enterprises (SMEs), to take advantage of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 10.2

##### ***Information Sharing***

1. Each Party shall make information regarding this Agreement publicly and freely available online, including:
  - (a) the text of this Agreement;
  - (b) a summary of this Agreement; and
  - (c) information that it considers as useful for SMEs of the Parties.
2. Each Party shall include in the information referred to under paragraph 1 links to:
  - (a) the relevant websites of the other Parties; and
  - (b) the websites of its own government agencies or authorities and/or other appropriate entities that provide information the Party considers as useful to SMEs of the other Parties.

#### ARTICLE 10.3

##### ***SME Contact Points***

1. Each Party shall, upon entry into force of this Agreement, promptly designate an SME contact point and notify the other Parties of the contact details.
2. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Parties of any change to its SME contact point.

3. Taking into account SMEs' needs in the implementation of this Agreement, the SME contact points jointly or individually shall seek to:
  - (a) exchange SME-related information, including any matter brought to their attention by SMEs in their trade and investment activities with another Party;
  - (b) consider ways to increase trade and investment opportunities for the SMEs of all the Parties, regardless of their size and including SMEs owned by under-represented groups;
  - (c) ensure that the information referred to in Article 10.2 (Information Sharing) is up-to-date and relevant for SMEs, and recommend any additional information that the other Parties' SME contact points may publish;
  - (d) encourage, where appropriate, efforts of other bodies established under this Agreement to integrate SME-related considerations in their work; and
  - (e) consider any other matters of interest to SMEs as appropriate.
4. The SME contact points may, individually or jointly, raise any matter arising in their activities with the Joint Committee.
5. The SME contact points may cooperate with experts, external organisations and SME stakeholders, as appropriate, in carrying out their activities.

#### ARTICLE 10.4

##### ***Dispute Settlement***

The provisions of this Chapter shall not be subject to dispute settlement under Chapter 16 (Dispute Settlement).